

Supplemental Map Instructions

In light of the sparse directions in the draft standards, please note the following guidance from National Register staff.

If substituting Google Earth aerals for USGS maps:

- Make sure to use a flat image rather than a bird's-eye perspective. (While a bird's eye allows you to glimpse the facade, it really distorts the setting and context, particularly in dense urban areas. If you want to send in a bird's eye view as additional documentation that is OK, but for UTM/Lat/Long purposes use a flat perspective.)
- Strip out the unnecessary data layers such as adjacent building names, commercial locations, photo layers, etc. and keep the map clean except for street names and nominated building location. (Extra materials often distract from the building location and make the image increasingly cloudy upon copying and recopying.)
- Make sure that the scale is clear and not cut off or missing its labels.
- When possible orient the map so that North is up.
- Make sure to zoom out to provide sufficient context, or if working electronically provide two maps at different scales (perhaps the second map can be the bird's eye perspective with the initial main map in flat perspective).
- Make sure that the nominated building is clearly marked with an accurate placemark point. This point should also locate the UTM or Lat/Long coordinate point for verification purposes, particularly if the map is also being used for verbal boundary description purposes. (If it will not complicate the map too much provide a building name and UTM point label on the map itself as well as the continuation sheet. This will also alert us to the fact that this is the map being used to substitute for the USGS map.
- Remember that the Longitude numbers should begin with a (--) negative sign.